

26th Meeting
Board of Directors - NWECC
Monday, December 2, 1974

Meeting called in order at 6:15 p.m.

Introduction of Guests

1. Roberts Pfeffer, Newark Public Information
2. Wayne Braffman, Newark Economic Development Corp.
3. D.J. Henderson, former engineer with New Jersey Highway Department
4. Richard Johnston, now member of NWECC staff as of December 15; leader of movement that stopped casino gambling; was member of DCA; most recent position is with Kayas, Martin - a public relations firm; worked as professional relations consultant; his position with the Center as of December 15 will be with our DCA proposal which deals with recruitment and referral - he will be responsible for this program and for public relations for the Center

Motion by Inner, seconded by Slattery, passed that minutes of previous meeting be accepted as presented.

Board Chairman Report - J. Cundari

It was announced that, in accordance with the newly adopted constitution and by-laws, there will be an election of officers tonight. The Nominating Committee selected at the last Board meeting (Jim Slattery, chairman; Tony George and Marie DeMartino) was asked to present its findings. At this point, Tony George was asked to take over the chair. Jim Slattery, as chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the following slate:

Chairman: James Cundari
Vice Chairman: Dan Geby
Secretary-Treasurer: Carmine Casciano

Motion by DeMartino, seconded by D. Eshleman, passed that nominations be closed.
Motion, seconded and passed that we unanimously accept the above candidates presented by the Nominating Committee.

Project Directors' Reports

1. Neighborhood Stabilization - Slattery & D. Eshleman: It was reported that one of the major developments of the Neighborhood Stabilization program has been the enthusiastic response that we have received on the work of the Broadway Area Improvement Council. The members of the Council are from the major corporations in the Broadway area. Its primary goal is to develop leadership in the Broadway area section of the North Ward. Jim Slattery pointed out, in answer to a question, that the biggest problem faced by the merchants in the area is the problem of safety. They intend to meet with the police director regarding a regular police patrol in the area.

It was reported that we have revised our neighborhood stabilization program to include a tool lending library. The proposal will be submitted soon to appropriate funding sources.

2. Day Care - C. Brown: Board members were asked to refer parents who are interested in enrolling their youngsters in the program. It was noted that we have completed several requirements thus far for the program and that we are now concentrating on preparing fiscal policies. In discussing positions in the program, it was pointed out that letters have been sent to several colleges which have early childhood development programs informing them of the positions and asking anyone interested to send in a resume. Board members were also asked to refer interested candidates.

Mike expressed the desire to attempt to get present income guidelines changed so that all those who are in need may take advantage of such a program.

3. Impact - Castellano & DeMartino: Within the next few months, we will move into the second year of the program.

The vocational training program for boys is now half way through its 21-week course. The boys began their half day session today at the Essex County Career Center in Newark. They are taking vocational courses at the Career Center and their remedial education courses at the NWECC. Once the 21-week course has ended, they are free to continue at the Career Center until they feel they are ready to be placed in employment. The girls component is scheduled to begin within the next two weeks. Their entire program (training and remedial education) will be at the NWECC. We are attempting, however, to work out the same kind of program at the Career Center for the girls.

Essex County College extension courses will be held at the Center and registration for the courses will begin within the next few weeks. The courses which will be offered include College Composition, World Civilization, Elementary Italian, Music Appreciation, General Psychology, Practical Conversation Spanish, Foundations of Modern Society and English as a Second Language. The courses are \$15 per credit and \$5 registration fee. The non-credit courses include Silihnastics and Yoga for Men and Women.

In discussing our youth patrol, it was pointed out that we met with the North Precinct Community Relations Department and the Youth Division of the North Precinct to discuss ways in which there can be a cooperative effort for better utilization and effectiveness of the program. Under the leadership of the North Precinct, there will be a group of between five and six boys patrolling areas along Mt. Prospect Avenue between the hours of 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. The program may be expanded to other parts of the North Ward. A question was raised as to the responsibilities of the youth. Vinie was asked to get in writing from the North Precinct the kinds of things that the youngsters can and cannot do as members of the patrol and to report his findings at the next meeting. It was also suggested and agreed that we would call in the parents of the boys to discuss the program in detail and to get permission in writing.

New Programs: New Jersey Regional Medical Program - the program is designed as a model project for providing a health care ombudsman in the North Ward who will address the cultural factors which have acted as barriers to the effective utilization of health care. Don will report on the progress of the proposal at the next Board meeting.

Director's Report - S. Adubato

Copies of several articles and pamphlets regarding the Center were distributed and discussed.

It was noted that three major building developments are on the drawing board: renovations of interior of the building and grounds for the day care center; building of a neighborhood facility on the grounds; building of a senior citizen housing project. It was noted that Mel Bergstein, a member of our Board, is our legal counsel in the building of the senior citizen housing project.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Attendance

Carol Brown	Charlotte Eshleman
Michael Vaccari	Dick Johnston
Ray Caprio	Ben Schaeffer
Michael DeRogatis	Angelo Iannuzzi
Adrienne Davis	Rev. Smith
Anthony DiChiara	Jim Slattery
Robert Giacobbe	Carmine Casciano
Don Eshleman	Tony George
Steve Adubato	Jim Cundari
Mike Adubato	Vincent Inneo
Marie DeMartino	Vincent Castellano
Alex Abbruzzio	Anthony Burke
Father Piazza	Joe Papasidero
Jack Krauskopf	